

REMARKS

The rejection of Claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. 6,710,136 (Grenda et al), is respectfully traversed. (Applicants note that Grenda et al is also available under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) by virtue of the publication U.S. 2002/0045717, as reflected on the cover page of Grenda et al.) While Grenda et al discloses a particular matt polyurethane powder coating material, Grenda et al neither discloses nor suggests the particular coil-coating process, to coat metal coils, and coated metal coils formed by such a process, of the present claims. The disclosure in Grenda et al of applying their powder to degreased iron panels (column 3, lines 21-35) does not disclose or suggest the present invention.

For all the above reasons, it is respectfully requested that the rejection over Grenda et al be withdrawn.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's lining out, and failure to consider, the foreign patent documents listed on the Form PTO-1449, submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed October 7, 2003. These references were cited in a European Search Report, which was submitted with the IDS, and is thus of record. According to MPEP 609 III. A(3), where information is cited in a foreign search report in a counterpart foreign application, the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance can be satisfied with the designations "X", "Y", or "A" indicated in the search report. Such designations appear in the above-discussed European Search Report. **Submitted herewith** is another copy of said Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is respectfully requested to initial the box for references AO and AP, and include a copy thereof with the next Office communication.

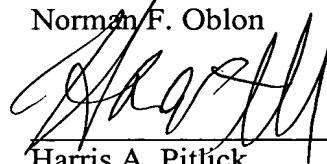
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All of the presently-pending claims in this application are now believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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